

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

In re	)	Case No. 05-20724-C-7
DANIEL E. MORGANSTERN,	)	DC No. CMM-01
Debtor.	)	

**FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW
ON MOTION TO AVOID LIEN**

These findings of fact and conclusions of law are rendered in this contested matter pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 52 as incorporated by Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure 7052 and 9014.

Jurisdiction

Jurisdiction is founded upon 28 U.S.C. § 1334. This is a core proceeding. 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2)(K).

Findings of Fact

On April 26, 2005, debtor filed a motion, notice, and certificate of service requesting that this court avoid a judgment lien in favor of First Select Corporation. The lien attaches to the debtor's residence commonly known as 3750 Fairgrounds Drive, Anderson, CA ("the property"). A

1 hearing was scheduled for May 24, 2005 to consider the
2 motion. Upon review of the record, the court determined that
3 the written record was adequate and that no oral argument
4 was necessary.

5 In reviewing debtor's certificate of service, the court
6 observes that debtor served First Select Corporation as
7 follows: Hunt & Henriques, 151 Bernal Road, Suite 8, San
8 Jose, CA 95119.

9 Conclusions of Law

10 Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9014(b) requires
11 that a motion initiating a contested matter "shall be served
12 in the manner provided for service of a summons and
13 complaint by Rule 7004." Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9014(b).

14 Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 7004(b)(3)
15 provides in pertinent part:

16 Except as provided in subdivision(h), in
17 addition-to the methods of service
18 authorized by Rule 4(e)-(j) F.R.Civ.P.,
19 service may be made within the United
20 States by first class postage prepaid as
21 follows... Upon a domestic or foreign
22 corporation or upon a partnership or
23 other unincorporated association, by
24 mailing a copy of the summons and
25 complaint to the attention of an
26 officer, a managing or general agent, or
27 to any other agent authorized by
28 appointment or by law to receive service
of process and, if the agent is one
authorized by statute to receive service
and the statute so requires, by also
mailing a copy of the defendant.

25 Fed. R. Bank. P. 7004(b)(3).

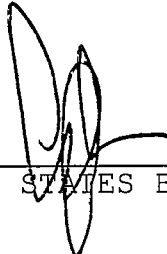
26 Here, debtor's service of motion does not comply with
27 the requirement to serve the motion to the attention of an
28 officer or other agent authorized as provided in Rule

1 7004(b)(3). Beneficial California, Inc. v. Villar (In re
2 Villar), 317 B.R. 88, 93 (9th Cir. BAP 2004). The court
3 notes that a corporation's agent for service of process may
4 be identified by visiting the California Secretary of
5 State's website at www.ss.ca.gov. The website contains a
6 link to the "California Business Portal" which provides an
7 online service titled "California Business Search."
8 Therein, corporate information, including the agent for
9 service of process, may be obtained by entering the
10 corporation's name in the search engine.

11 The motion will therefore be denied without prejudice.

12 An appropriate order will issue.

13 Dated: May 25, 2005

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16 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

On the date indicated below, I served a true and correct copy(ies) of the attached document by placing said copy(ies) in a postage paid envelope addressed to the person(s) hereinafter listed and by depositing said envelope in the United States mail or by placing said copy(ies) into an interoffice delivery receptacle located in the Clerk's Office.

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Dated: MAY 26 2005


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